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1. SENATE WEDNESDAY DEFEATED (47-44) PROXMIRE ATTEMPT

TO REDUCE ARMS AID TO GVN FROM 700 MILLION TO 550

MILLION DOLS (AP CHITRIB, PHINQ; WSJ) THEN APPROVED

82 BILLION DEFENSE APPROPRIATION MEASURE, 86-5.

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NYT'S MADDEN QUOTES PROXMIRE SAYING, "ENOUGH IS

ENOUGH. LET US DRAW THE LINE (AT 550 MILLION) AND
TELL THE S. VIETNAMESE THAT THEIR DEFENSE RESTS FIRST
ON THE WILL OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE."

WP'S RICH NOTES PROXMIRE ARGUED THAT IT IS GROSS
EXAGGERATION TO SAY SVN IS GOING DOWN DRAIN; THAT
SUBSTANTIAL PORTIONS OF US WEAPONS AID ARE LOST IN
CORRUPTION; THAT COMBINED CHINESE/SOVIET ARMS AID
TO NVN TOTALS ONLY 290 MILLION DOLS, ACCORDING DIA;
AND US AID TO ALL SEA IS ACTUALLY EIGHT TIMES THAT OF
MOSCOW AND PEKING. ON OTHER SIDE, MCCLELLAN AND YOUNG
READ TO SENATE LETTERS FROM DOS AND SCHLESINGER
STRONGLY OPPOSING VN REDUCTION. MCCLELLAN ARGUED
THAT 700 MILLION DOLS IS "CHEAP TO GET OUR BOYS
HOME," AND STENNIS WARNED AGAINST NVN TAKEOVER "WITH
US JUST STANDING BY -- OR ARE WE GOING TO GIVE THE
MINIMUM ...THAT WILL KEEP (SVN) ALIVE MILITARILY."
SUN'S CORDDRY NOTES GOLDWATER AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE
MIL AID TO SVN ON THEORY THAT SUCH AID SHOULD BE
EITHER ADEQUATE TO MEET COMMITMENTS OR STOPPED.
CORDDRY SUGGESTS IT WAS PERHAPS TACTIC TO SHOW
THERE IS SENATE SUPPORT FOR SVN. AMENDMENT LOST
71-21.

2. SAIGON COMMAND REPORTED THAT MORE THAN 200 MORTAR
ROUNDS HIT GVN POSITIONS OUTSIDE TAN UYEN, ABOUT
35 MILES NE OF SAIGON, WEDNESDAY, AND COMMUNIST
FORCES KEPT UP PRESSURE ON KEY CROSSROADS LEADING
TO SVN'S NW PROVINCES (REUTER SAIGON). COMMUNIST
FORCES CAPTURE MILITIA BASE AT PHUOCTAN, TEN MILES
WEST OF TAY NINH NEAR CAMBODIA BORDER, AND ALSO
CAPTURE CAUK HOI, MILITARY BASE AND RUBBER PLANTATION
TOWN SIX MILES EAST OF TAY NINH (UPI WP, BALTIMORE 8/21).

3. REUTER VIENTIANE REPORTS LAOTIAN JOINT PEACE COMMITTEE
AGREED THURSDAY THAT FIRST EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS
BETWEEN PL AND RLG SHOULD TAKE PLACE SEPT. 12.
SPOKESMAN FOR VIENTIANE DELEGATION SAYS ABOUT 110
NVA WILL BE INCLUDED IN LIST TO BE RELEASED, BUT NOT
KNOWN WHETHER HANOI WILL ACCEPT THEM SINCE IT HAS
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SO FAR REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THEM AS ITS OWN. NUMBER
OF PRISONERS HELD BY EACH SIDE NOT AVAILABLE, BUT
PRESS REPORTS HAVE SAID ABOUT 600 OR 850 THAIS AND
US PILOT EMMET KAY ARE BEING DETAINED BY PL.

4. NYT'S SCHANBERG, AT PP, NOTES HUGE TOLL THAT WAR HAS
EXACTED ON CAMBODIA. BY LOWEST ESTIMATES, MORE THAN
300 PEOPLE ARE KILLED AND WOUNDED, ON THE AVERAGE,

EVERY DAY OF WAR. SINCE START OF WAR FOUR YEARS AGO, AT LEAST 33,000 GOVT SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN KILLED AND AT LEAST 42,000 ON OTHER SIDE; WOUNDED ON BOTH SIDES TOTAL AT LEAST 225,000; AT LEAST 300,000 CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN KILLED OR WOUNDED -- ADDING TO MINIMUM OF 600,000 CASUALTIES, OR ONE-TENTH OF CAMBODIAN POPULATION.

SCHANBERG SAYS SINCE US PROVIDES VIRTUALLY ALL FINANCIAL AND ARMS SUPPORT FOR GKR, "CAMBODIANS ON THIS SIDE FREQUENTLY EXPRESS THE WISHFUL THOUGHT THAT WASHINGTON DO SOMETHING DRAMATIC TO END THE WAR. BUT THIS IS A CONFLICT WHOSE FATE HAS BEEN IN THE HANDS OF MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY, AND AS YET NO HINT OF AN ACCOMMODATION" HAS SURFACED BETWEEN US AND NVN, PRC, AND SOVIET. NEARLY HALF PEOPLE IN CAMBODIA ARE NOW REFUGEES; INSURGENTS CONTROL 75 PERCENT OF TERRITORY AND PERHAPS THREE MILLION PEOPLE; GOVT, FOR MOST PART, HOLDS ONLY MAJOR CITIES AND TOWNS IN ISOLATED ENCLAVES. EVEN IN RELATIVELY CALM PP, ONLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY SHELLINGS, HUMAN DESTRUCTION IS ACUTELY VISIBLE, SAYS SCHANBERG. CRIPPLED VETS AND CIVILIANS BEG IN MARKETS, REFUGEES LIVE ON SIDEWALKS AND SWARM EVERYWHERE; 50,000 WAR WIDOWS HAVE REGISTERED WITH GOVT; 200,000 CHILDREN OR MORE HAVE BEEN MADE ORPHANS OR HALF-ORPHANS; HOSPITALS OVERFLOW WITH AMPUTEES AND OTHER VICTIMS. OFTEN HOSPITAL STAFFS ARE SO OVERWHELMED WITH NEW ARRIVALS THAT TRAILS OF WET BLOOD SIMPLY DRY ON STAIRCASES AND IN CERTAIN CORRIDORS AND NEVER GET WASHED OFF.

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5. REUTER SEOUL REPORTS SOME 2,000 PERSONS DEMONSTRATED IN CITY THURSDAY AGAINST JAPAN FOR ALLEGED RESPONSIBILITY IN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT LAST WEEK. IT WAS THIRD SUCCESSIVE DAY OF ANTI-JAPANESE DEMONSTRATIONS IN CAPITAL. EARLIER, AP SEOUL SAID ABOUT 200 SHOUTING AND WEEPING DEMONSTRATORS STORMED SHUTTERED JAPANESE EMBASSY WEDNESDAY, BROKE THROUGH SECURITY CORDON AND BATTLED POLICE FOR 30 MINUTES BEFORE BEING DISPERSED. LATER IN DAY, ABOUT 150 STUDENTS FROM HIGH SCHOOL ACROSS STREET FROM JAPANESE EMBASSY HELD RALLY DENOUNCING WHAT THEY CALLED LUKE-WARM GOJ ATTITUDE TOWARD INVESTIGATING ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT (WP, PHINQ, S-N 8/21).

6. CHITRIB'S KIRK, IN SEOUL, FINDS IT "DIFFICULT TO

DISCERN WHICH IS MORE LIKELY TO AROUSE A GREATER SENSE OF HOSTILITY HERE" -- N. KOREANS OR JAPANESE. FORMER REMAIN INVISIBLE THREAT TO AVERAGE S. KOREAN -- PRINCIPALLY TARGET OF DAILY PROPAGANDA DENOUNCING THEM AS "PUPPETS" AND WORSE. BUT JAPANESE ARE SEEN EVERYWHERE COLLABORATING IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, "PREPARING POSSIBLY TO DOMINATE THE COUNTRY ECONOMICALLY." KIRK RECALLS THAT CUSTOMS OFFICIALS "CONFISCATED MY JAPANESE NEWSPAPER AS I ENTERED THE COUNTRY, EXPLAINING THAT GOVT POLICY NOW DECREED THE LEADING TOKYO NEWSPAPERS WERE ILLEGAL HERE."

7. ON THURSDAY, PRES. PARK APPOINTED PROMINENT ARMY GENERAL, PARK HYUN SIK, AS NEW NATIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR (REUTER SEOUL). HOURS AFTER PRESIDENTIAL AIDES SUBMITTED RESIGNATIONS TUESDAY, TOP SECURITY AIDE HAH KYONG DAE UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO STAB HIMSELF TO DEATH IN REMORSE OVER ASSASSINATION ATTACK (S-N 8/21).

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JAPAN

8. DOLLAR REACHES 303.2, HIGHEST LEVEL AGAINST YEN SINCE FEB '73 WHEN YEN FIRST FLOATED. STRONG POSITION EXPECTED TO CONTINUE DUE NEED TO PAY IMPORT BILLS. UNCLASSIFIED

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APPARENT THAT BANK OF JAPAN VERY ACTIVE IN EFFORTS TO KEEP LEVEL DOWN (JOC).

9. JOC'S COLLISION IN TOKYO, REPORTS SEVERAL AUSTRALIAN MINING REPS HAVE ARRIVED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH STEELMAKERS IN HOPES OF ARRANGING PRICE INCREASES ON IRON ORE SHIPMENTS TO JAPAN. GOA HAS REFUSED TO ALLOW SHIPMENTS AT PRICES AGREED ON IN JULY.

GOVT-FINANCED JAPAN PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP TO EXTEND 330 MILLION DOLS CREDITS TO PERU FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ITS OIL INDUSTRY (AFP, WP).

10. IN AP INTERVIEW, 81-YEAR-OLD WOMAN DELEGATE TO UPPER HOUSE, NOTES FAILURE OF EDUCATION TO PREPARE JAPANESE WOMEN FOR EQUALITY WITH MEN. ALSO BLAMES FEUDALISTIC CUSTOMS AND LDP ASCENDANCY SINCE WW-II FOR WHAT SHE DESCRIBED AS DEMOCRACY'S FAILURE TO TAKE ROOT (BALT N-A 8/21).

THAILAND

11. AFP BANGKOK REPORTS ASST POLICE CHIEF LT. GEN VITHOON YASAWASDI SAYS EX-PREMIER THANOM IS SEEKING PERMISSION TO SET UP CHINESE RESTAURANT IN BOSTON, WHERE HE HAS BEEN LIVING IN EXILE. EARLIER HE HAD APPEALED TO BE ALLOWED RETURN TO THAILAND TO PROVE HIS INNOCENCE, BUT DISCLOSURE SUGGESTS THANOM HAS DECIDED TO REMAIN IN US (WP).

12. JACK ANDERSON (WP) CITES SECRET FAA SURVEY WHICH FOUND "GROSSLY INADEQUATE SECURITY AT EIGHT MAJOR FOREIGN AIRPORTS FROM WHICH TERRORISTS MAY FLY FOR HIJACKING AND BOMBING ATTACKS IN AMERICA." SURVEY, NAMING BANGKOK AMONG THE EIGHT, SAYS SECURITY THERE IS "POOR TO NONEXISTENT...THERE ARE UNSCREENED PASSENGERS IN THE RAMP AREAS WHEN...FLIGHTS ARE BOARDING." FAA PRAISES PAA AND TWA FOR DOING WELL UNDER THESE CONDITIONS. SURVEY, CONDUCTED BY USG "SLEUTHS WORKING UNDER COVER," SAYS HONG KONG WAS AMONG AIRPORTS SHOWING MOST IMPROVEMENT.

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WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

13. CSM'S ISMAIL AND REUTER BUCHAREST REPORT ON PROBABLE CLASH AT UN WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE AS DELEGATES SPLIT OVER POPULATION CONTROL ISSUE. ARGENTINA AND OTHER LATIN-AMERICAN STATES OPPOSE BIRTH CONTROL, FAVORING POPULATION GROWTH TO PROVIDE NEEDED MANPOWER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MIGRATION WITHIN CONTINENT AS ALTERNATIVE. ASIAN NATIONS EMPHASIZE NEED FOR CONTRACEPTION IF PROGRESS NOT TO BE WIPED OUT SIMPLY FROM NEED TO FEED AND SHELTER GROWING HORDES. FILIPINO AND INDONESIAN DELEGATES, AMONG OTHERS, HAVE WARNED THAT EFFORTS MEANINGLESS UNLESS RICH NATIONS STOP WASTING WORLD'S RESOURCES AND INSTITUTE FAIRER TRADE PRACTICES.

CHINA SAYS POPULATION GROWTH NOT SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO DEVELOPMENT, CLAIMING "ALL PESSIMISM IS GROUNDLESS AND MANKIND'S FUTURE IS INFINITELY BRIGHT." WP'S DODER QUOTES PRC REP DENOUNCING US AND RUSSIA AS "CHIEF CULPRITS" FOR VICIOUS CIRCLE OF POVERTY IN UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD, AND CITING "ULTERIOR MOTIVES" IN SPREADING PESSIMISTIC VIEWS ON WORLD POPULATION GROWTH AS SCHEME TO MAINTAIN CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ORDER. GIVES PRC POPULATION AS 800 MILLION, SAYS THIRD WORLD POVERTY DUE TO US AND RUSSIAN EXPLOITATION (WP, GLOBE). BUT DESPITE CLAIMS THAT POPULATION CONTROL IS AN IMPERIALIST SCHEME TO MAINTAIN

EXPLOITATION, CHINA BELIEVED TO HAVE COMPREHENSIVE BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAM (WSJ).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

GENERAL

14. CDN'S LARRY GREEN (AUG 19), BACK IN CHICAGO, REMINDS READERS THAT IN SEA HUNDREDS - SOMETIMES THOUSANDS - STILL DIE EACH MONTH. AND IN COUNTRIES WHERE THERE IS NO WAR, GOVTS STRUGGLE, UNSTABLE, REELING FROM AFTERMATH OF ENERGY CRISIS AND INCREASED PETROLEUM UNCLASSIFIED

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AND FERTILIZER COSTS, UNCERTAIN OVER FUTURE US POLICY.

GREEN GIVES RELATIVELY HEAVY TREATMENT TO SVN. OBSERVES THAT VC AND NVN FORCES ARE STRONGER NOW THAN AT ANY TIME DURING WAR; CITES RECENT TRAVELER IN SVN SAYING THAT SITUATION THERE HAD "SERIOUSLY DETERIORATED" FROM A YEAR AGO. AND SVN ALSO HAS PROBLEM OF INFLATION AND CORRUPTION. CORRUPTION, LONG A PROBLEM, IS EMERGING AS A THREAT - REMOTE AT BEST - TO THIEU'S POWER. THERE IS INCREASING PRESSURE ON HIM TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT RAMPANT BRIBERY AND SAPPING OF GOVT PROJECTS BY OFFICIALS AT VIRTUALLY

EVERY LEVEL OF BUREAUCRACY. THIEU HAS PAID ONLY LIP SERVICE TO PROBLEM, AND US HAS PUT ONLY TOKEN PRESSURE ON HIM TO CLEAN UP THE SITUATION AND ASSURE US TAXPAYERS' AID IS PROPERLY SPENT.

GREEN SAYS "THINGS AREN'T SO HOT IN CAMBODIA EITHER. IN FACT, THEY'RE TERRIBLE." CONCEDE THAT THINGS CHANGED SOMEWHAT FOR THE BETTER SINCE ARRIVAL ENERGETIC AMB. DEAN, WHO IS HOLDING THE SITUATION TOGETHER AND SEEMINGLY RUNS THE GOVT. NON-AMERICAN WESTERN DIPLOMATS REGARD LON NOL AS ONE OF THE MOST INEFFECTIVE LEADERS IN WORLD - DISLIKED BY MASSES AND OBJECT OF PUBLIC RIDICULE BY STUDENTS. BUT US, FOR THE MOMENT, SEEMS COMMITTED TO HIM.

RE LAOS COALITION, GREEN CITES DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS AS HANGING ITS FUTURE ON SOUVANNA. VIEWS SITUATION IN THAILAND AS SHAKY ALSO, SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVING THAT THAI GENERALS ARE SITTING BACK WAITING FOR CIVILIAN GOVT TO COLLAPSE IN CONFUSION BEFORE THEY ATTEMPT TO RUN COUNTRY AGAIN. STUDENTS ALSO RESTIVE.

MALAYSIA IS CONTENDING WITH INSURGENCY AS IS BURMA,

WHICH MUST CONTEND WITH WORST ECON. PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD. INDONESIA, THOUGH RELATIVELY STABLE, COULD BECOME EXPLOSIVE IN NEAR FUTURE AS IT FACES PROSPECT OF FOOD SHORTAGES.

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15. GLOBE'S STORIN IN SEOUL (AUG 21) DOES FEATURE STORY ON 1967 NOBEL PRIZE WINNER GEORGE WALD, WHO WENT TO KOREAN CAPITAL WITH FOUR COMPANIONS, INCLUDING THREE JAPANESE INTELLECTUALS, TO DELIVER PETITION TO FM KIM DONG JO. RECALLING THAT WALD PROPELLED HIMSELF INTO LEADERSHIP POSITION BY HIS ELOQUENCE DURING ANTI-VN WAR MOVEMENT, STORIN SAYS HE HAD IMAGE OF WALD BEING A WELL-MEANING INTELLECTUAL WHO ENJOYED THE LIMELIGHT OF PUBLICITY AND SAW WORLD IN BLACK AND WHITE MORAL TONES. SAYS WALD DID NOT TURN OUT TO BE WHAT HE EXPECTED. HASSLED BY KOREAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ON TECHNICALITY THAT HE CARRIED ONLY "TOURIST" VISA BUT HOPED TO DELIVER POLITICAL PETITION, WALD VOLUNTEERED TO AMEMBASSY THAT HE WOULD CANCEL AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ENHANCE HIS CHANCES FOR ENTRY INTO COUNTRY. EMBASSY SENT YOUNG POLITICAL OFFICER TO AIRPORT AND, DESPITE DELAY, WALD AND COMPANIONS WERE ADMITTED THOUGH THEIR PASSPORTS

HAD ATTACHED A WARNING NOT TO ENGAGE IN OTHER THAN "TOURIST ACTIVITIES." FACT THAT WALD WAS INTENT ON DELIVERING PETITION, NOT CREATING AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT BY GOADING PARK GOVT WITH PRESS CONFERENCE, IMPRESSED AMEMBASSY, ONE OFFICIAL SAYING, "I THOUGHT HE WAS A GUY BEING USED, BUT THERE'S A STREAK OF STEEL IN THAT MAN." DETAILS WALD VISIT WITH KIM DAE JUNG, WHO TOLD WALD THAT HIS VISIT WAS A SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO MANY KOREANS.

CHINA

16. FROM HK, NYT'S LELYVELD REPORTS ON APPARENT "IDLING" OF IDEOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN IN CHINA. NOTES THAT CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY APPEALS FOR REVOLUTIONARY UNITY AND LABOR DISCIPLINE, THOUGH RITUALISTIC REFERENCES STILL MADE TO CONFUCIUS AND LIN PIAO. FOR SIX WEEKS NOW LITTLE HEARD ABOUT NEED FOR REVOLUTIONARY MASS CRITICISM AND STRUGGLE AS PARTY OFFICIALS, WHO EARLIER SEEMED TO BETAKING THE BRUNT OF ATTACKS, ARE NOW UNCLASSIFIED

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EXHORTED TO EXERT THEIR AUTHORITY. LELYVELD CITES RECENT SZECHUAN BROADCAST CALLING ON "LEADING COMRADES AT ALL LEVELS" TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES "BOTH AS COMMANDERS AS FIGHTERS." CITES ALSO SINKIANG BROADCAST WHICH LAST WEEK SPOKE OF "ERRONEOUS TENDENCIES APPEARING IN THE MASS MOVEMENT"; SAYS TWO MONTHS AGO SUCH ASSERTION WOULD HAVE BEEN BRANDED AS REVISIONISM. ATTRIBUTES ABRUPT CHANGE TO PEKING LEADERSHIP CONCERN OVER DISRUPTIONS IN INDUSTRIAL CENTERS; WEAK LINKS WERE ACKNOWLEDGED IN PRESS AND THERE WERE INDICATIONS OF COAL SHORTAGES IN SOME PLACES. STALWART WORKERS WERE PRAISED FOR STAYING AT PRODUCTION POSTS - AN APPARENT HINT THAT OTHER WORKERS WERE REMISS.

LELYVELD REPORTS FEW ANALYSTS WILLING TO HAZARD JUDGMENT THAT THE IDEOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN ABORTED, HOWEVER, SINCE THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF RESOLUTION OF UNDERLYING POLITICAL TENSIONS. LELYVELD ADVANCES ANOTHER POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR APPARENT PAUSE IN CAMPAIGN: THAT IT MAY BE RELATED TO WISH TO PRESENT UNIFIED LEADERSHIP ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CCP RULE ON OCT. 1. LAST MAJOR CELEBRATIONS ON THAT DAY WERE IN 1970.

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17. S-N (AUG 21) DISCUSSES CONTINUING WAR IN VN, SAYING, BELOW DMZ, IT COULD BE 1970 FOR ALL THE OFFICIAL PEACE MEANS TO S VIETS. SAIGON AND COMMUNIST

FORCES STILL BATTLE OVER REAL ESTATE AND FOR LOYALTIES OF BLOODIED INHABITANTS. LEVEL OF FIGHTING HAS RISEN TO POINT WHERE ABOUT 1300 S VIET TROOPS HAVE BEEN KILLED MONTHLY SINCE APRIL - ABOUT THE AVERAGE FOR 1969 AND 1971. ADDING TO DEPRESSING FAMILIARITY OF NUMBERS, HEAVY FIGHTING CURRENTLY IS IN "IRON TRIANGLE" AREA NEAR SAIGON, WITH GVN TROOPS PITTED AGAINST HEAVILY EQUIPPED NVN REGULARS.

FAULTS BOTH SIDES FOR FAILING TO MOVE TOWARD POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, BUT LEVIES MAJOR GUILT FOR AGGRESSION
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ON HANOI, WITH ITS 180,000-MAN FORCE IN SVN AND ITS DETERMINATION TO TAKE OVER ALL OF VN. N VIETS, FREE OF BOMBING, PURSUE ECON RECONSTRUCTION AT HOME

WHILE WAGING WAR OF ATTRITION THAT PREVENTS SVN FROM DEMOBILIZING AND STRAIGHTENING OUT ITS OWN ECONOMY.

SEES PRES FORD AS BEING FACED WITH PAINFUL TASK OF MAINTAINING US COMMITMENT TO S VIET SURVIVAL IN FACE OF PUBLIC WEARINESS WITH THE PROBLEM AND IMPATIENCE WITH THE COST, AND WITH HANOI NO MORE AMENABLE THAN IN PAST TO US PEACE SUGGESTIONS.

EXPRESSES VIEW THAT BEST HOPE FOR FAVORABLE BREAK IN VN STALEMATE MAY BE AN OFFSHOOT OF DETENTE WITH USSR AND PRC, WHICH SUPPLY NVN MIL EFFORT. WITHOUT BIG-POWER PRESSURE ON BOTH SIDES FOR END TO FIGHTING, FIGHTING COULD GO ON INDEFINITELY.

18. NYDN CONCURS WITH HAK'S AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION SPEECH OPPOSING MIL AID CUT TO SVN. SAYS IF CUT OCCURS, SVN WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO SURVIVE - AND THE US WOULD HAVE BETRAYED NOT ONLY THE BRAVE S VIETS BUT ALSO THE 50,000 AMERICANS WHO DIED TO KEEP THEM OUT OF RED CLUTCHES. "WE CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE US OR THEIR RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD SANCTION OR ACCEPT SUCH A DISHONORABLE COURSE."

19. GLOBE AND MAIL'S JOHN BURNS (CSM) IN PEKING NOTES THAT YEAR HAS ELAPSED SINCE CANADA ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NVN, BUT CANADA'S NOMINEE AS AMBASSADOR - AND NOMINEES OF SEVERAL OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES - HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOWED ANY CLOSER TO HANOI THAN THE RECEPTION ROOM OF THE NVN EMBASSY IN PEKING. SAYS HANOI HAS REFUSED TO ALLOW SEVERAL AMBASSADORS-DESIGNATE TO PRESENT THEIR CREDENTIALS UNTIL THEIR GOVTS AGREE TO ALLOW PRG TO ESTABLISH QUASI-DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THEIR CAPITALS. OTTAWA,

WHICH RECOGNIZES GVN AS LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY IN SVN, HAS REFUSED CATEGORICALLY. BURNS VIEWS IMPASSE AS UNCLASSIFIED

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RAISING QUESTION WHETHER N VIETS WERE DEALING "IN GOOD FAITH" - FAVORITE TERM OF COMMUNIST REGIMES - WHEN THEY NEGOTIATED THE DIPLOMATIC AGREEMENT. NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN PEKING BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR SMALL BEGINNING SOON AFTER C-F AGREEMENT. THERE WERE FEW HITCHES, AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BEING REACHED SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE IT WAS MADE OFFICIAL WITH AUG 21 ANNOUNCEMENT STRESSING THE "COMMON DESIRE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR RELATIONS." AGREEMENT MADE NO MENTION OF VC REGIME AND THE N

VIETS WERE AWARE THAT OTTAWA INTENDED TO ESTABLISH
DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH SAIGON. KISSINGER

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